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Canadian Diversity: Benefits and Challenges

In your opinion, what does the word **diversity** mean?

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Introduction

Canada is home to people from many different cultural backgrounds. Some families have lived in Canada for generations, although most Canadians have ancestors from other countries. An ancestor is a relative from a long time ago, like a great-grandparent.

Indigenous peoples, for example, were the first people to ever live in Canada. They have lived in Canada for thousands of years. Today, about 4 percent of Canada's population are Indigenous peoples.

Many Canadians, however, were born in other countries. Currently there are more than 6 million immigrants in Canada. The country is home to many people who immigrated from countries like China, South Korea, India, Vietnam, Nigeria, the United States, and so many more.

As a result of immigration, Canada is a country that features a lot of cultural, racial, religious, and linguistic diversity. This presents many benefits for Canadians, permanent residents, and other people currently staying in Canada.

Benefits

What do you think are some of the benefits of diversity in Canada?

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2. _____

3. _____

Challenges

What do you think are some of the challenges of having so much **diversity** in Canada?

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

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